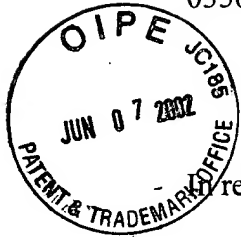


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Re Application of:

NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL.

Application No.: 09/942,588

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: SCREENING METHOD FOR  
GENE VARIATION

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

I. Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2002 for one (1) month from April 30, 2002 to May 30, 2002. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205.

II. This is in response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2002, the period for reply having been extended by the above petition and payment of the extension fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks.

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